

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2005 - 04

**An Administrative Order Establishing the McPherson
Planning Local Redevelopment Authority (Planning LRA);
Establishing the Structure of the McPherson Planning LRA; and
Describing the Responsibilities of the McPherson Planning
LRA; and for Other Purposes.**

WHEREAS, Fort McPherson, Georgia, has been recommended for closure by the United States Department of Defense (DOD) and the Independent BRAC Commission as part of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process and has been approved for closure by an Act of Congress on November 9, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the DOD requires an interface with an agency of state or local government organized and empowered specifically to engage in reuse planning for military installations selected for closure; and

WHEREAS, the agency of state or local government organized to engage in reuse planning for military installations involved in the BRAC process, is called the Planning Local Redevelopment Authority (Planning LRA); and

WHEREAS, the Planning LRA must be empowered by the government(s) having zoning authority over the property to have total responsibility and authority for base reuse planning and must be the sole point of contact with the DOD's Office of Economic Adjustment; and

WHEREAS, any funding for the base reuse planning process made available by the DOD's Office of Economic Adjustment will be received and managed by the Planning LRA and will be used for the sole use of the local redevelopment authority; and

WHEREAS, the Planning LRA must be comprised of members representing public, business and private entities and organizations that will be affected by the closure and planned reuse of Ft. McPherson, Georgia;

WHEREAS, the composition of the McPherson Planning LRA must recognize and reflect the interests of all key public and private stakeholders, including, but not limited to the City of Atlanta, the City of East Point, Fulton County, and other South Atlanta regional affected jurisdictions, and must make appropriate accommodations for the needs of the homeless in the local community.

NOW THEREFORE BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, pursuant to Sections 3-202(1) and (4) of the City of Atlanta Charter, 1996 GEORGIA LAWS P. 4469, et seq., and Sections 3-302 of the Charter, It is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: That the McPherson Planning Local Redevelopment Authority is hereby established to: (1) assume the sole responsibility and authority for planning the reuse of Fort McPherson (Reuse Plan) and (2) to serve as the sole point of contact regarding base reuse with the DOD's Office of Economic Adjustment and the Department of the Army.

Section 2: That the McPherson Planning LRA shall include an Executive Committee comprised of ten (10) voting members. The initial members of the Executive Committee shall be:

1. Felker Ward, Chair
2. Mayor of the City of Atlanta
3. Mayor of the City of East Point
4. Chris Hummer, Chief Executive Officer, South Fulton Medical Center,
a business representative nominated by the Mayor of East Point
5. City Manager, City of East Point
6. Chairman of the Fulton County Commission
7. A business representative nominated by the Chairman of the Fulton County
Commission (awaiting nomination from Chair Handel)
8. Ayesha Khanna, Chief Operating Officer, United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta,
Chair of the Healthy Community and Quality of Life Sub-Committee
(described in Section 3)
9. Richard Holmes, Senior Vice President - Metro Region, Georgia Power,
Chair of the Reuse and Design Sub-Committee
(described in Section 3)
10. William H. (Bill) Linginfelter, Chief Executive Officer, Wachovia Bank N.A.,
Chair of the Finance and Economic Development Sub-Committee
(described in Section 3)

Section 3: That the McPherson Planning LRA shall include three sub-committees which shall focus on specific areas of the base reuse planning. The members of these subcommittees shall possess special knowledge and technical expertise in the specific areas of base reuse planning assigned to that sub-committee. Each member shall be an experienced team member, committed to consensus building and the successful reuse planning of Ft. McPherson. Each committee shall contain a diversity of skills and talent, representing the interests of the metro Atlanta region. Each subcommittee shall have a Chair who will be a voting member of the Executive Committee. Each sub-committee shall be responsible for reuse planning and advice concerning the focus areas designated hereafter:

1. The Healthy Community & Quality of Life Sub-committee will focus on areas including childcare; K-12 and higher education; adult training; health services; public safety; environment; recreation; and, community development.
2. The Reuse and Design Sub-committee will focus on areas including urban planning; real estate; transportation; facilities analysis and management; historic preservation; environment including air, land and water; utilities, including water, sewer, gas, electric and communications; parks and green space; housing; homelessness; and, reuse of personal property.
3. The Finance and Economic Development Sub-committee will focus on areas including finance; financial feasibility; risk management; market analysis; marketing and communications; job creation; business recruitment; and, workforce development.

Section 4: That the McPherson Planning LRA shall be responsible for and have sole authority over the following:

1. Working with DOD's Office of Economic Development, the Department of the Army, the State of Georgia and other interested parties on all aspects of reuse planning;
2. Processing and obtaining funding from the OEA;
3. Participating in state and local screening of any public benefit conveyance proposals;
4. Providing a mechanism for receiving input and suggestions from affected communities and stakeholders.

5. Determining the financial feasibility of the Reuse Plan, including identifying potential funding sources for the implementation of the Reuse Plan;
6. Obtaining the approval of the Reuse Plan of the local stakeholders.
7. Communicating the approved Reuse Plan with the Department of the Army, the State of Georgia, DOD's Office of Economic Development and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HUD will check compliance with the homeless accommodations requirement in the BRAC regulations.

Section 5: The McPherson Planning LRA will have a conflicts of interest policy. Such policy will preclude any voting member of the McPherson Planning LRA from bidding on procurements that result from the implementation of the Reuse Plan.

Section 6: This Administrative Order shall remain in effect until rescinded by the Mayor.

SO ORDERED this 9th day of November 2005.


Shirley Franklin
Mayor

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk